

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 3, 15-16 and 19-20 have been amended herein. All of the pending claims 1 through 20 are presented, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(c)(1)(i) and 1.121(c)(3), in clean form below. Please enter these claims as amended. Attached is a marked-up version of the claims amended herein pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

1. A spin coating method, comprising:
applying a material to a substrate;
spinning said substrate and said material at a first speed;
decreasing a rate of said spinning to a second speed; and
gradually increasing a rate of said spinning to a third speed.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said spinning said substrate and said material at said first speed comprises substantially filling recesses formed in said substrate with said material.
3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said decreasing said rate of spinning to said second speed comprises permitting material located within recesses formed in said substrate to set.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein spinning said substrate and said material at said third speed comprises forming said material over a surface of said substrate to a desired thickness.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein said decreasing said rate follows said spinning.
6. The method of claim 3, wherein said gradually increasing said rate follows said decreasing said rate.

7. A spin coating method, comprising:
applying a material to a substrate;
spinning said substrate and said material at a first speed that permits said material to flow into
recesses formed in said substrate;
spinning said substrate at a second speed that permits said material within said recesses to set;
and
gradually increasing a rate of said spinning to a third speed.
8. The method of claim 7, wherein said spinning said substrate at said second speed
follows said spinning said substrate at said first speed.
9. The method of claim 8, wherein said spinning said substrate at said second speed
comprises decreasing a rate at which said substrate is spun.
10. The method of claim 7, wherein said spinning said substrate and said material at said
first speed comprises substantially filling said recesses with said material.
11. The method of claim 7, wherein spinning said substrate and said material at said third
speed comprises forming said material over a surface of said substrate to a desired thickness.
12. The method of claim 7, wherein said gradually increasing said rate follows said
spinning said substrate at said first speed.
13. The method of claim 12, wherein said gradually increasing said rate also follows said
spinning said substrate at said second speed.

14. A spin coating method, comprising:
applying a material to a substrate;
spinning said substrate at a first speed to at least partially spread said material;
spinning said substrate at a second speed to permit at least some of said material to flow into at
least one recess formed in said substrate; and
gradually increasing a rate of said spinning to a third speed.

AG 15. (Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein said spinning said substrate at said first speed comprises substantially filling said at least one recess with said material.

16. (Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein said spinning said substrate at said second speed comprises spinning said substrate at a speed that is slower than said first speed.

17. The method of claim 14, wherein said spinning said substrate at said second speed is effected after said spinning said substrate at said first speed.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein said gradually increasing is effected after said spinning said substrate at said second speed.

AG 19. (Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein said spinning said substrate at said second speed comprises spinning said substrate at a speed that is slower than said first speed.

Sub 367 20. (Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein spinning said substrate at said third speed comprises forming said material over a surface of said substrate to a desired thickness.
